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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SOUTH KOREAN APPROACH TO RWANDA

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1. UNLESS SOUTH KOREANS COME BEARING GIFTS IN HAND, I CANNOT IMAGINE THEY WILL BE WELCOME IN KIGALI. WHENEVER THE SUBJECT OF KOREA COMES UP (AS IT PERFORCE FREQUENTLY DOES) IN MY CONVERSATIONS WITH RWANDAN OFFICIALS, I AM INVARIABLY TREATED TO TALE OF HOW SOUTH KOREANS TALKED TO NO ONE AND DID NOTHING FOR RWANDAN DEVELOPMENT IN TEN YEARS HERE, THEN PACKED UP AND LEFT WITHOUT FAREWELLS WHEN MODEST NORTH KOREAN AID WAS ACCEPTED.

2. THIS IS NOT TO SAY RWANDANS MIGHT NOT BE WILLING TO GIVE ROK ENVOY A HEARING IF IT WERE MADE CLEAR IN ADVANCE THAT "NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS" WOULD ALSO MEAN GENEROUS SOUTH KOREAN AID (AND NOT MERE PROMISES AS BEFORE.) BUT THAT ENVOY WOULD SURELY FACE UPHILL STRUGGLE TO OVERCOME NEGATIVE PROPAGANDA FLAK FROM RESIDENT CHINESE AND DPRK
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AMBASSADORS, BESIDES BAD TASTE LEFT IN RWANDANS' MOUTHS BY PREVIOUS EXPERIENCES WITH SOUTH KOREANS.

3. THIS IS, BY THE WAY, A NO WIN SITUATION FOR THE U.S., ONE IN WHICH I WOULD HOPE WE COULD AVOID INVOLVING OURSELVES. SOUTH KOREANS WILL OR WILL NOT BE RECEIVED HERE ON THEIR OWN MERITS, AS PERCEIVED BY THE GOR, AND THERE IS NO USE

IN USING UP OUR OWN SCARCE POLITICAL CAPITAL (ALREADY
HEAVILY MORTAGAGED ON SOUTH KOREA'S ACCOUNT) BY
ATTEMPTING TO SWAY RWANDANS IN THEIR FAVOR.
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